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INSTITUTE OF SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that consequent to the devastating earthquake, the Government of Gujarat is keen to establish an Institute of Seismological Research in Gujarat which will be an R&D Institution of International Repute;

(b) if so, whether a final decision on the proposal has been taken by the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details of provision of funds likely to be made for the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEV ELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Gujarat State Government has informed that the State has initiated necessary steps to establish the Institute through its internal resources and external assistance. A Director General to head the Institute has already been appointed. Out of the World Bank loan received by State Government under Gujarat Emergency Earthquake Reconstruction Project, an amount of Rs. 30.00 crores has been allocated for the institute. There are no separate budgetary provision within the Department of Science & Technology's allocations for the said Institute. However, during the last three years the Department of Science & Technology has supported several research projects in Gujarat area for better earthquake hazard assessment.